that have been mentioned stop at 2004-05. Therefore, the report can not be seen as a reflection of the policies pursued in the recent past.

(b) and (c) The NCEUS has recommended creation of National Fund for Unorganised Sector. However, this recommendation was not accepted as it was felt that in view of the varied nature of the schemes, the source of funding should be prescribed in the schemes themselves. The Government has introduced the Unorganised Sector Workers' Social Security Bill, 2007 in Rajya Sabha on 10.09.2007.

The 'Rashtriya Swasthya BimaYojana' for BPL families in Unorganised Sector has been launched on 1st October, 2007. The unorganized sector worker and his family (unit of five) will be covered under the scheme. The total sum insured would be Rs. 30,000/- per family per annum on a family floater basis. The benefits under the scheme will start accruing from 1st April, 2008.

With a view to providing death and disability cover to rural landless households, the 'Aam Aadmi Bima Yojana' (AABY) has been launched on 2nd October, 2007. Under the scheme, the head of the family or one earning member in the family will be insured. The Central Government will bear 50% of the premium of Rs. 200/- per year per person and the remaining 50% of the premium will be borne by State Government. The benefits under the scheme include Rs. 30,000/- in case of natural death; Rs. 75,000/- in case of death due to accident or total permanent disability due to accident. In case of partial disability due to accident, the insurance cover would be Rs. 37,500/-. The children of beneficiaries of AABY studying in classes 9th to 12th standard are eligible to a scholarship @Rs. 300/- per quarter per child.

Similarly, under the National Old Age Pension Scheme, all persons above the age of 65 years who belong to the household below the poverty line according to the criterion prescribed by Government of India are eligible for old age pension.

Schemes for welfare of beedi workers in Andhra Pradesh

1353. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Director General of Labour Welfare has to formulate State-specific Schemes to help beedi workers to get welfare and economic improvements;

(b) if so, what were the schemes implemented by the Director General of Labour Welfare for the benefit of beedi workers in Nizamabad, Guntur and West Godawari Districts in Andhra Pradesh.

(c) the funds spent in above districts in 2006-07 for beedi workers;

(d) the break-up of such expenditures; and

(e) the proposals for 2007-08 for these 3 districts to enhance welfare for beedi workers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) and (b) Welfare schemes formulated for beedi workers under the Beedi Workers Welfare Fund, are also applicable to the districts of Guntur, West Godawari and Nizamabad in Andhra Pradesh. No State-specific schemes are formulated. Details of ongoing welfare schemes implemented by the Labour Welfare Organisation are provided in enclosed Statement-I (*See* below).

(c) to (e) Details showing the number of workers in above districts who availed the benefits and expenditure incurred, are given in the enclosed Statement-II.

Statement-I

Details of financial assistance/benefits available to the Beedi Workers under various welfare schemes

Sl. No.	Particulars of the schemes and benefits available
I.	**Scheme for Treatment of Cancer** The actual expenditure on medicines and diet charges incurred by the worker or his dependant on treatment of cancer in a recognised cancer hospital and duly certified by competent authorities shall be reimbursed.
II.	**Scheme for Reimbursement of Expenditure as a financial assistance to workers suffering from heart diseases** The following benefits shall be reimbursed:— 1. Hospital charges including diet charges. 2. Charges for heart valves etc., which are required to be purchased from the market/ hospital. 3. Expenses for pre and post operation checkups. Financial assistance restricted to the actual expenditure or Rs. 1.30 lakhs which ever is less.
III.	**Scheme for reimbursement of expenditure as financial assistance to workers for kidney transplantation and allied treatment** Financial Assistance not exceeding actual cost or Rs. 2.00 lakh, whichever is less shall be paid towards treatment charges.
IV.	**Reimbursement of expenditure on treatment of minor diseases like hernia, ulcer, appendectomy, prenate and gyneacological diseases** The actual expenditure or Rs. 30,000/- whichever is less will be reimbursed for hospital charges including diet etc. and pre and post operation check ups.
V.	**Maternity benefit scheme for female workers** Lump sum grant of Rs. 1000/- per delivery for the first two deliveries only.
VI.	**Scheme for payment of monetary compensation for sterlization of worker/ spouses** Monetary incentive at the rate of Rs. 500/- per head over and above the incentive given by other agencies.
VII.	**Scheme for domicilary treatment of workers suffering from TB** 1. Reimbursement of treatment charges upto Rs. 50 per month to each worker to cover the cost of medicine. 2. Subsistence allowance @ Rs. 750/- p.m. where the worker has no dependent or has one dependant and Rs. 1000/- where the number of dependents is more than one for a period of nine months.

Sl. No.	Particulars of the schemes and benefits available		
VIII.	**Financial assistance for purchase of spectacles:**		
	Financial assistance toward the cost of frame and lenses to the extent of Rs 300/- or actual expenditure which ever is less.		
IX.	**Social security scheme (Insurance) for beedi workers**		
	1. Natural Death Rs. 10,000/-		
	2. Death due to accident Rs. 25000/-		
X.	**Scheme for providing financial assistance of Rs. 5000/- to a widow/widower of beedi/cine/mine worker as well as to widow/widower beedi worker for meeting the wedding expenses of their daughters**		
	An amount of Rs. 5,000/- is provided as financial assistance to the widow/widower of beedi worker as well as to widow/widower beedi worker for meeting the wedding expenses of their first two daughters.		
XI.	**Scheme for providing financial assistance of Rs. 1500/- towards funeral expenses of beedi workers**		
	An amount of Rs. 1500/- is provided as financial assistance to the family members of the deceased worker.		
XII.	**Grant of financial assistance for education**		
		Girls	Boys
	1. Class I to IV (Grant for dress, Slates/books)	250	250
	2. Class V to VIII	940	500
	3. Class IX	1140	700
	4. Class X	1840	1400
	5. Class XI to XII PUC I & PUC II	2440	2000
	6. Non-professional degree courses, non-professional post graduate courses, 2/3 years' Diploma courses, BCA, BBA & PGDCA.	3000	3000
	7. Professional degree courses [BE/B. Tech/MBBS/BAMS/BUMS/ B.Sc. (Agri.) and MCA/MBA.]	8000	8000
XIII.	**Supply of TV Sets**		
	A maximum amount of Rs. 10,000/- for Colour TV set and Rs. 4000/- for Black and White TV set is provided to the Community Centre of Beedi Workers' Co-operative Society.		
XVI.	**For organizing sports/games, social & cultural activities**		
	1. Social activities like celebration of National and Regional festivals—Rs. 2500/- per activity subject to a limit of Rs. 7500/- in a financial year for celebrating 3 festivals.		

Sl. No.	Particulars of the schemes and benefits available
	2. Cultural activities like dance, drama, music, elocution competition—Rs. 2000/- per activity subject to a limit of Rs. 14,000/- in a financial year for 7 festivals.
	3. Organizing annual sports tournament—Rs. 40,000/- in a year per tournament.
XV.	**Revised integrated housing scheme (RIHS), 2007 for beedi workers**
	A Central Subsidy of Rs. 40,000/- per tenement per worker is granted for construction of a house.

Statement-II

The number of workers in Nizamabad, Guntur and West Godawari districts who availed the benefits and expenditure incurred during 2006-07

Name of the district	Name of the scheme	No. of workers who availed benefits	Expenditure incurred (in Rs.)
Nizamabad	Maternity Benefit Scheme	37	37000
	Financial assistance for Heart Surgery or allied treatment	01	22121
	Financial assistance for education to the children of beedi workers	30000	28499940
	Revised Integrated Housing Scheme	2847	56980000
Guntur	NIL	NIL	NIL
West Godawari	NIL	NIL	NIL

Statement showing the number of workers in Nizamabad, Guntur and West Godawari districts who availed the benefits and expenditure incurred during 2007-08

Name of the district	Name of the scheme	No. of workers who availed benefits	Expenditure incurred (in Rs.)
Nizamabad	Maternity Benefit Scheme	45	45000
	Financial assistance for Heart Surgery or allied treatment	04	301140
	Financial assistacne for treatment of Cancer	01	51495
	Financial assistance for education to the children of beedi workers	57201	Under process
Guntur	NIL	NIL	NIL
West Godawari	NIL	NIL	NIL